

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 1 on page 1 underneath the heading CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS with the following "clean" version of the paragraph:

- - This application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/483,639 filed on January 14, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference. - -

REMARKS

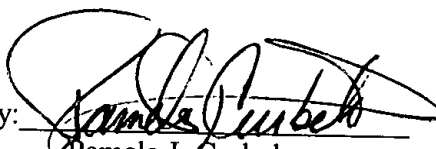
The foregoing amendment to the specification was made to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added.

Applicants request entry of the above amendments prior to examination. If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0831 maintained by Assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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